

Remarks

Applicant has reviewed the Office Action dated as mailed March 5, 2007 and the documents cited therewith. After the above amendments have been made, the present application contains claims 1-21 and 28-33. Claims 1, 5, 7, 11, 13, 16, 18, 28, 30, and 33 have been amended.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Barrett et al. (U.S. Patent 5,727,129, hereinafter "Barrett"). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claims 22-27 have been canceled.

Turning initially to the rejection of independent claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Barrett, claim 1 has been amended to recite:

“entering at least one search term in a search engine;
loading a URL personal databook collection object in response to receiving the results of a network search by the search engine;
presenting all search results that satisfy the at least one search term including any URL references that have been previously visited by a user and selectively saved in the URL personal databook collection object by the user and including any URL references that satisfy the at least one search term but have not been previously visited by the user and therefore have not been saved in the URL personal databook collection object;”

Applicant respectfully submits that Barrett does not teach or suggest the above recited features of the present invention. As clearly indicated in Figures 1 and 3 of Barrett the system is initially idle (block 2) and then a determination is made whether a user entered a command to download a web page in block 4. Applicant respectfully submits that there is no teaching or suggestion in Barrett of entering at least one search term in a search engine as provided by the embodiment of the present invention recited in claim 1. Also, Barrett in column 8 beginning at line 44 recites:

“A display of the possible actions that the user might take is generated, in suitable format (step 44), and displayed (step 46). Preferably, step 46 also includes a display of information pertaining to the weighting factors computed in steps 30 and 34.

An example of such a display is shown in FIG. 6. FIG. 6 is a simplified representation of a Web page. A current URL display 48 shows the URL of the currently-displayed page in typical fashion. Also displayed are a set of URLs for other Web pages which, in the past, the user has gone to from this one. The pages themselves are shown as

URLs 50. Alternatively, icons, descriptive texts, etc., may be displayed. Also in accordance with the invention, information pertaining to the statistics are shown. For instance, separate displays, generally shown as 52, are given, preferably adjacent to the respective URLs, showing the number of past occurrences. These may be given in ranked order, as shown, based on the decreasing number of past occurrences.”

Accordingly, Barrett teaches displaying the URL of the currently displayed web page and the set of URLs for other Web pages which the user has previously gone to from this page. Barrett also shows the number of past occurrences or visits by the user to each respective Web page or URL and rank orders them based on the decreasing number of past occurrences or visits by the user. Applicant respectfully submits that Barrett does not teach or suggest presenting all search results that satisfy the at least one search term including any URL references that have been previously visited by the user and selectively saved in the URL personal databook collection object by the user (emphasis added). Accordingly, URLs in the personal databook collection object of the present invention are selectively saved by the user. In contrast, Barrett teaches that all past occurrences to a URL are recorded in the profile.

Additionally, Barrett does not teach or suggest presenting all search results also including any URL references that satisfy the at least one search term but have not been previously visited by the user as provided by the embodiment of the present invention as recited in amended claim 1. As indicated above in the recitation from Barrett, Barrett teaches that only those URLs that have been previously visited by the user are displayed.

Further, Barrett in column 7 beginning at line 37 teaches:

“The profile will contain a history of past visitations (i.e., downloadings) of that same Web page, and the various other pages that the user went to, from this page.”

Accordingly, Barrett teaches that the history of all past visitations of a Web page and the various other Web pages that the user went to from this Web page are contained in the profile. In contrast to Barrett, the URL personal databook collection object of the embodiment of the present invention recited in claim 1 only includes URL references which have been selectively saved by the user and does not contain a history of all past visitations to a Web page and any other pages that the user went to from the particular Web page as required by Barrett.

For all of these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over Barrett. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102 rejection of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

With respect to the rejection of claims 2-10, these claims recite additional features which further patentably distinguish over Barrett. For example, claim 5 has been amended to recite:

“presenting any saved or captured comments associated with any matches in response to positioning a computer pointing device on a selected visually identified match in the results from the search, wherein the saved or captured comments are presented on a page displaying the search results.”

Barrett in column 8, lines 63-65 discloses:

“To prompt the user to select one of these other Web pages, the URLs 50 are preferably hyperlinks. Accordingly, easy access to the other pages, by way of a single mouse click, is facilitated.”

Accordingly, Barrett teaches that the URLs 50 in Figure 6 of Barrett are hyperlinks and that the page can be accessed by a single mouse click on the hyperlink. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 5 is distinguishable from Barrett and Barrett does not teach or suggest presenting any saved or captured comments associated with any matches in response to positioning a computer pointing device on a selected visually identified match in the results from the search, nor does Barrett teach or suggest that the saved or captured comments are presented on a page also displaying the search results as provided by the embodiment of the present invention as recited in claim 5.

Claim 7 is patentably distinguishable from Barrett in that claim 7 recites: “ storing only search results selected by a user in the URL personal databook collection object.” As previously discussed, Barrett in column 7 beginning at line 37 teaches that the profile contains the history of all past visitations to the same Web page and also the various other Web pages that the user went to from the current Web page. Accordingly, Barrett does not teach or suggest that the URL personal databook collection object stores only search results which have been selected by the user as recited in the embodiment of the present invention in claim 7.

Furthermore, claims 2-10 depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 1, and by virtue of that dependency, contain all of the features of independent claim 1. Therefore, claims 2-10 are also submitted to be patentably distinguishable over Barrett for all of the reasons discussed above. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102 rejection of claims 2-10 is respectfully solicited.

Turning now to the rejection of independent claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Barrett, claim 11 has been amended to recite similar features to independent claim 1. Therefore, claim 11 is submitted to be patentably distinguishable over Barrett for the same reasons as discussed with respect to claim 1. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102 rejection of claim 11 is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

With respect to the rejection of claims 12-15 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Barrett, these claims recite additional features which further patentably distinguish over Barrett. For example, claim 12 recites: "loading the URL personal databook collection object in response to presenting the results from the search." As previously discussed, Barrett merely teaches downloading or accessing a web page in response to a user command and does not teach or suggest performing a search as provided by the embodiment of the present invention as recited in claim 12. Claim 13 recites similar features to dependent claim 5.

Additionally, claims 12-15 depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 11. Because of this dependency claims 12-15 contain all of the features of independent claim 11. Therefore, claims 12-15 are also submitted to be patentably distinguishable over Barrett, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 102 rejection of these claims is respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection of independent claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Barrett, claim 16 has been amended to recite similar features to independent claims 1 and 11. Therefore, claim 16 is submitted to be patentably distinguishable over Barrett for the same reasons as discussed with respect to claim 1. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 102 rejection of claim 16 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

With regard to the rejection of claims 17-21, these claims recite additional features which further patentably distinguish over Barrett. For example, claims 17 and 18 recite features similar

to claims 3 and 5, respectively. Furthermore, these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 16. As a result of this dependency, claims 17-21 include all of the features of independent claim 16. Therefore, claims 17-21 are also submitted to be patentably distinguishable over Barrett, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102 rejection of these claims is respectfully solicited.

Regarding the rejection of independent claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Barrett, claim 28 has been amended to recite similar features to independent claims 1 and 11. Therefore, claim 28 is submitted to be patentable over Barrett for the same reasons as discussed with respect to claim 1.

With regard to the rejection of claims 29-33 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Barrett, these claims recite additional features which further patentably distinguish over Barrett. Additionally, these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 28. Because of this dependency, claims 29-33 include all of the features of independent claim 28. Therefore, claims 29-33 are also submitted to be patentably distinguishable over Barrett, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 102 rejection of these claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Entry of this amendment under Rule 116 is respectfully requested in that this amendment renders the claims remaining in the application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims at the earliest possible date are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner wishes to discuss any aspects of this amendment, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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